

“The finding of Jesus in the Temple” ...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *LUKE* -:

“After they had completed [the] days [of the feast,] as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it... After three days [his parents] found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.” (Luke 2:43, 46-47)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, give us the grace to have a true spirit of wisdom that comes from on high, so that we (in imitation of You) may truly become little “living Bibles:” able to teach, convince, correct, and form others in the way of justice, especially those who come to the “holy temple” not only to celebrate the Paschal mystery but above all to understand its true meaning! (cf. *SLC*, p. 226)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to not losing the true meaning of our faith, Pope Francis says: “*The key message of the faith [is...]: the Lord is risen. Nothing is more important; nothing is clearer or more relevant than this. Everything in the faith becomes beautiful when linked to this centerpiece, if it is saturated by the Paschal proclamation. If it remains in isolation, however, it loses its sense and force.*” (FRANCIS, *Homily*, 25 September 2016)

¹NABRE (USCCB)

FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

(for a personal contribution to give to those who listen) :

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Then follows ...

1 Our Father ...
5 Hail Mary ...
1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)

- Praised be,,,
- O my Jesus, forgive us...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...

- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings : “ Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria”

Then one goes on to the next Mystery which (like this one) if possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...